

SHORT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES

There Was Little Done in the Legislature.

NEW RULES ON HOUSE SIDE

Both Bodies Will Meet at Noon To-Day and Proceed to Business—Mr. McLean on the Floor, but Took No Part.

The session of the Legislature was brief and uninteresting yesterday. The Senate did nothing but confirm the appointment of the school superintendents, and the House did little more.

A new set of rules was adopted by the House, which had been prepared largely by Mr. John W. Williams, the very efficient clerk of the House. The journal was read at length in both houses for the first time in years.

Mr. E. P. McLean, who has apparently read himself out of office by his refusal to take the oath, was in his seat, but attempted to take no part in the proceedings.

There was a brief colloquy between Messrs. Sipe and Newhouse over the oath question, but it did not take any very serious form. The committees of the two branches will get to work in a few days.

In the House.

The House was called to order at noon by Speaker Ryan, and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil. There was a full attendance of members and a great number of visitors were on the floor. Everybody seems comfortable, as eight new electric fans were creating kindly breezes all over the hall. Messrs. Featherston, Walker and Smith, of Lee, who were absent on Tuesday, came forward and took the oath.

Mr. Nottingham was present in his seat as was also Mr. Churchill, but they were sworn on Tuesday, their names having been inadvertently omitted from the report.

Clark Williams read the journal of the previous day's proceedings, it having been the first time in years that such a thing was done in the House, the new Constitution imposing a different and more stringent mode of procedure for both branches.

Mr. Sipe, rising to a question of privilege, said he had not protested against taking the oath with any view of making a test case. He asked that the formal protest made by his party be made a part of the record.

ROLL CALL DEMANDED.

Mr. Newhouse moved a roll call and an examination of the oaths and said he would object to members participating in the proceedings of the body who were not properly sworn.

He said the Republicans were getting very conspicuous; that they had swallowed the dose of the Underwood Constitution without any sweet oil.

The chair overruled the request of Mr. Sipe. The chair announced in answer to Mr. Newhouse that the name of no member appeared in the journal as having taken the oath save those who had properly done so. This included Mr. Sipe, who had added an unimportant qualification at the end of his oath, which the chair held did not invalidate the oath of the member.

Mr. McLean sat in his seat and chatted with his colleagues, having declined to take the oath on Tuesday.

RULES CHANGED.

Mr. Huxley, on the Committee on Rules, presented a number of amendments to the rules of the body, the necessity for which is occasioned by changes in the mode of procedure under the new Constitution.

The report of the committee was agreed to and Mr. C. C. Baker was called to the clerk's desk and sworn in.

Three days' leave of absence was granted Mr. Overby.

Mr. Duke offered a joint resolution providing for the removal of old records from the capitol of the State and the Virginia Historical Society. It was referred.

The House at 12:35 P. M. adjourned until noon to-day, on motion of Mr. Wallace, of Richmond.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Charles T. Bland: To authorize the United States Government to acquire title and jurisdiction to a track of land in the county of Norfolk, on the Southern Railway.

By Mr. Carter: For the protection of fish in the waters of the north fork of Clinch River, in Scott county.

By same: To amend section 123 of the acts of 1901-02, to define a lawful fence as a country of Scott.

Senate Session.

The session of the Senate last night was very quiet. The body was called to order at noon by Lieutenant-Governor Willard, Rabbi E. N. Calisch officiating.

Mr. Cromwell offered the following bills, which came up on their first reading:

To authorize the United States Government to acquire land in Norfolk county for the purpose of erecting magazines, residences and other uses.

To amend law regarding fishing on the eastern side of the Chesapeake bay.

On motion of Mr. Barksdale, the Senate went into executive session for the purpose of confirming the election of school superintendents. Adjournment until noon to-morrow followed this brief session.

The following elections of superintendents were confirmed: W. E. Griffith, Amelia county; W. L. Patton, Russell county; Francis H. Smith, Jr., Staunton.

WITHOUT A MAGISTRATE

*Ecce! Unfortunate Municipal Condition in Fulton.

Fulton has suffered another political, as well as material blow, at her own hands. She is without a police magistrate for two years at least. In the last primary both candidates for the office of Fulton were defeated by men on church Hill. Now the nearest magistrate is "Squire John Goode, at Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets.

"Squire James E. Grady entered upon his duties yesterday morning as clerk of the Board of Health. "Squire James E. Grady entered upon his duties yesterday morning as clerk of the Board of Health. "Squire James E. Grady entered upon his duties yesterday morning as clerk of the Board of Health.

deputyship under Commissioner of Revenue O. A. Hawkins.

Dr. Joseph Sullivan and brother, David Sullivan, of Fall River, Mass., are the guests of their cousins Mrs. Thomas Connor and Miss Ellen Clancey, of Louisiana Street.

ing Mr. Jones, has returned to his home in Goodland county, Va.

Mrs. Calvin C. Batterfield and children left Tuesday morning for Buckingham county to spend a few weeks with friends and relatives.

Mrs. P. A. Warren, who has been visiting Mrs. M. C. Palmer, of Chestnut Hill, has returned to her home, in Newport News, Va.

Rev. George S. Fitzhugh, of Maryland, who has been visiting Mr. Calvin Batterfield, has returned to his home.

Mr. Sidney Watkins has returned to his home from a trip to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Mr. J. P. Allen, of Fredericksburg, is visiting Mr. J. C. Bland, of Park.

Mrs. Charles M. Goodman, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. William H. Baldwin, of Brook Road.

Mr. George Johnson, of Baltimore, is visiting Mr. Henry Christian, of Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. J. E. Symons and children, of North Avenue, will leave in a few days for Caroline county, Va., to visit her parents, and from there will go to Cleburne, Johnson county, Texas, where she will reside.

Dr. R. H. Pitt, accompanied by his wife, left Tuesday afternoon for Baltimore via the York River route. They will be away until Saturday.

Mr. J. Blair Farrar has returned from a month's trip in the Valley of Virginia and the coal-fields of West Virginia.

Mrs. J. Blair Farrar has returned from a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. T. W. Swip, at Hanover, Va.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

Present Legislature Not to Be Asked for Appropriation.

The present Legislature will not be asked to make the appropriation for the St. Louis Exposition. Chairman C. W. Conkling of the State Executive Committee of the St. Louis World's Fair, said this morning that the matter would not be pressed until the autumn session because of the attitude taken by certain members of the legislative body in the matter of taking the oath to the new Constitution. It is feared by the committee that if an appropriation should be passed now it might be made illegal later.

"We have a large majority in the House and a majority in the Senate," said Mr. Conkling this morning, "but owing to the failure of several to take the new oath, there is a legal question as to whether or not an appropriation would be legal. We will therefore not ask for an appropriation until the long session."

"We have decided to keep up the committee, and the various members from different parts of the State who came here to push the matter will leave to-day."

The appropriation asked for is \$50,000, and there is every prospect that it will pass both branches of the Legislature.

DR. WILLIAM JAMES

Harvard Man May Deliver Next Course of Thomas Lectures.

It is expected that Dr. William James, of Harvard University, one of the most distinguished scholars in the country, will deliver the second course of Thomas lectures here next spring. Correspondence is being had with him and there is every prospect that he can be induced to come. Dr. James, provided he accepts the invitation, will deliver two or three lectures on the general subject "Philosophy." The course will come some time in the spring and the date will be arranged to suit the convenience of the lecturer. For the subject he will discuss no better man than Dr. James could have been secured. He is professor of psychology in Harvard and upon this subject is the recognized authority. His text books are used in many schools and colleges and his books upon other subjects are also widely read. His book of essays on "The Will to Believe" is probably his most popular work.

STRETCHED DOCKET

Few Cases, but a Heap of Explanation Made a Long Session.

Testimony stretched a short docket in the Police Court yesterday morning into a space that would ordinarily hold a docket double the size.

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THE ORIGIN OF GOLF

First Played With a Shepherd's Crook and a Pebble.

Th e man or woman who has become interested in golf must needs know something of its origin in Scotland. In his book, "The Auld Golf," Sir W. G. Simpson tells the following pretty story as to how the game had its beginning:

"A shepherd tending his sheep would often chance upon a round pebble, and, having his crook in his hand, would strike it away. It is inevitable that a man with a stick in his hand should aim a blow at any loose object lying in his path as that he should breathe. Over pastures green this led to nothing; but on a time a certain shepherd, feeling his sheep on a links, perhaps that of St. Andrew's, rolled one of these stones into a rabbit scrape."

"Yam," e-fra-see

"Marry," thought he, "I could not do that if I tried, a though he might not long persevere alone in any arduous undertaking, so Mr. Shepherd hailed another, who was hard by, to witness his endeavor. That is easy," said the friend, and, trying, failed. They got near the grass for the roughest stones, and having deepened the rabbit scrape, so that the stones might not jump out of it, they set themselves to practice putting."

The stronger but less skilled shepherd, finding himself worsted at the amusement, protested that it was a fairer test of skill to play for the hole from considerable distance. With this arranged, the game was found to be much more interesting. The sheep having meanwhile strayed, the shepherds had to go after them.

"This proving an exceedingly irksome interruption, they hit upon the ingenious device of nailing a circular course of holes which enabled them to play and herd at the same time. These holes became now many and far apart, it became necessary to mark their whereabouts, which was easily done by means of a flag. While his condition is very serious, it is by no means dangerous, and it is hoped by his many young friends that he may soon be able to get out again."

Officers Are Chosen.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Virginia Building and Loan Company, Monday officers were elected for the year as follows: Carl Wippenman, president; William Rueger, vice-president; Charles T. Loehr, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Rueger takes the place of Mr. Frank Miller, who died some time ago.

Charles Wippenman and Lind were elected members of the Board of Directors.

Little Boy Ill.

Master David Shelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Shelly, No. 1215 Pleasant Street, who has been visiting relatives near Petersburg, was suddenly taken very ill, and had to be brought home Tuesday. While his condition is very serious, it is by no means dangerous, and it is hoped by his many young friends that he may soon be able to get out again.

Oracle Circulates.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court yesterday by the Oracle Publishing Company. The liabilities are \$2,000, and the assets are estimated at \$2,300.

The magazine, which was only issued four times, has suspended publication.

The Salace Seeker.

July is hot. I shall not scold. Nor say it is unjust. But 'all the heat that's not controlled by any foul trust."

—Washington Star.

HURRIED HOME FROM THE PARKS

Pleasure-Seekers Lost No Time in Getting Back.

CAR-MEN WERE THOUGHTFUL

They Notified the People as to When the Last Trip Would Be Made.

Few at West End Park.

"There'll be no show this evening; There'll be no show to-night. For the street cars there are out of sight. And the leading lady cannot wait."

—With Apologies to Little Chipp.

Such was the tune that the employees at the Casino hummed last night, and Charlie McKee said it was well.

At 8:45 o'clock, the hour when the gaily painted curtain at the Casino at Reservoir Park usually goes up, the audience was not there. The janitor and a few concessionaries at West End Park stood on the board walk in front of the theatre and juggled conjectures as to when the strike would end. It meant dollars and cents to them every hour the cars were idle. Over at Coney Island things were even more gloomy. The merry-go-round whirled at intervals just to keep the thing a-going, for there wasn't two dozen people in sight, while the empty cars on the switchback looked as if they were taking a Sunday rest.

The waters of the Aquarium were as placid as if frozen. Now and then some one of the employees cast a pebble, but it didn't make the splash of a merry bath. The Rathskeller was forsaken, and the cozy cavern never heard the sound of clinking glasses. Over the Aquarium the old mill wheel turned, but it didn't churn current for the gondolas. They tossed passengerless on the bosom of the canal. Things were awfully blue. Occasionally a big picnic wagon, hauled by four mules, came thundering up the road with a cargo of sightseers, who ventured out more of curiosity to see how the place appeared during a strike of the trolley carmen. They came and went on the same trip, the familiar tune of "Little Chipp" was all that could be heard.

CROWD NOT THERE.

Mr. Charles McKee, of the Bijou Company, who is manager of the Casino during the absence of the trolley carmen, said yesterday afternoon that it was useless to attempt any performance. He notified the performers that they had a holiday, not because he was willing, but by ironical fate. The management of the West End Park engaged a big picnic van and this made a search of the van and the made a search of the van.

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